

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Health Facilities and Emergency Medical Services Division

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACCOUNT

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Section 1 - Statement of Basis and Purpose

The General Assembly of the State of Colorado in Section 25-3.5-102, CRS, recognized the importance of an efficient and reliable statewide emergency medical and trauma network for the promotion of health, safety, and welfare of Colorado residents and visitors. The assembly further amended the statute to include the creation of an Emergency Medical Services Account (Section 25-3.5-601, CRS) and specified that funds from said account shall be utilized by local emergency medical and trauma service providers in order to improve the statewide emergency medical and trauma network.

Section 2 - Definitions

As used in these regulations, the words and terms in this section shall have the meaning as set forth herein unless the context clearly requires a different meaning.

2.1 All definitions that apply to Section 25-3.5-602, ~~CRS Apply~~C.R.S. apply to these rules.

2.2 "Contract" ~~means the-~~ The document between the Department and ~~the emergency medical and trauma service provider applicant~~ chosen as a recipient of funds from the ~~EMSE~~Emergency Medical Services Account. The contract describes the terms and conditions of the award agreement.

2.3 “Council” ~~means~~ the State Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council created in Section 25-3.5-104, ~~CRS.C.R.S.~~

2.4 “Emergency Account” ~~means those~~ funds ~~that have been~~ set aside pursuant to Section 25-3.5-603, ~~CRS(3)(a)(II)(A), C.R.S.~~ for ~~those unforeseen, involuntary unexpected emergencies that arise after the deadline for grant applications has passed or those circumstances resulting in the need for that require~~ immediate attention ~~and~~ or action.

2.5 “Emergency Medical and Trauma Services” ~~are the services,~~ planning ~~or the,~~ training ~~therein, utilized in a pre-hospital environment in response and services needed to the perceived individual needs for prevention of: loss of life, further aggravation prevent, respond to physiological and/or psychological and treat an injury, and/or inherent harm or sudden illness particularly when there is a threat to an individual or group of individuals life or long-term functional abilities.~~

Section 3 - Emergency Medical and Trauma Service ~~Provider Grants~~ Funding

3.1 Eligibility for Grant Funds

In order to be eligible for emergency medical and trauma service ~~grant funds, the~~ funding, an applicant must be able to demonstrate ~~that their purpose is:~~

A) That the funds requested are for the provision of emergency medical and trauma services, ~~and their intent must~~

B) Will be used to maintain or upgrade the access to and/or quality of emergency medical and trauma services within the ~~community/county/region/~~state.

3.2 Applications for Emergency Medical and Trauma Service Provider Grant Funds

~~All applications~~ must be submitted ~~on forms provided in the format required~~ by the Department. In addition, all prior to the announced deadlines.

3.3 To be considered, applications must:

1) ~~be complete and contain any additional information deemed necessary by the Department, and~~

2) ~~be~~

A) Be complete and

B) Be submitted to the addressmanner specified in the announcement ~~before the deadline specified at the announcement of the application for funds.~~

3.3 Application Verification Process

3.4 All applications will be ~~verified~~ subject to verification by the Department. ~~This verification process~~

3.4.1 Verification shall include:

1) ~~a~~

A) A review of the application for completeness and compliance with the requirements specified in the application, and

2) ~~a~~

B) A review of the applicant's eligibility as set forth in these regulations.

3.4.2 Any application found to be inconsistent with the requirements specified in paragraphs ~~4A)~~ and ~~2B)~~ will be rejected and the applicant will be notified of the rejection.

3.4 Matching Fund Requirement/Waiver

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3.5 The Department, in consultation with the Council, shall establish ~~the requirements for~~ matching funds ~~requirements from applicants~~ prior to the opening of each grant cycle. These requirements will be provided in the application process.

3.6 Any application received that does not meet the matching funds requirement specified in the application will be rejected unless the applicant requests a waiver of the matching funds.

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3.6.1 The Council shall establish a committee to review all applications requesting a waiver of the matching funds requirement. The committee will evaluate each application requesting a waiver to determine whether the applicant has successfully demonstrated that local matching funds are not available. ~~Any application that does not receive a waiver from the council will not be eligible for funding.~~

~~3.5 Application Review and Evaluation~~

3.6.2 ~~Any application that does not receive a waiver from the Council will not be eligible for funding.~~

3.7 To provide a fair and impartial review and evaluation of the applications, the Council shall:

1) ~~Establish~~ establish review committees of members designated by the Council. Each committee will review and evaluate applications and submit recommendations to the ~~Council, and~~ Department.

2)

3.8 ~~The Council will review the recommendations from each committee and provide recommendations to the Department.~~

~~The~~ Department shall:

1) ~~Provide~~ provide final review and prioritization of the applications and make awards based upon ~~priorities~~;

A) Priorities established by statute, ~~recommendations~~

B) Recommendations from the ~~council, substantiated~~ Council.

C) Substantiated need of the applicant, and ~~impact~~

D) Effect upon the emergency medical and trauma ~~service program~~ system should funds not be awarded.

3.6 Awarding of Funds

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3.9 The Department, in consultation with the Council, may, within statutory limitations, reestablish funding priorities for the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services ~~Grant~~ Funding Program to address specific needs related to the maintaining and upgrading of the Colorado ~~Emergency Medical~~ emergency medical and ~~Trauma Care System~~ trauma services system.

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3.10 A letter of intent to award funds to an applicant is only an offer to enter into a ~~grant~~ funding contract, and not an actual funding obligation on the part of the Department. Only when a contract listing conditions of the ~~grant~~ award is accepted and, if applicable signed by all parties, will any formal obligation be recognized or funds disbursed.

3.7 Appeal Process

~~Applicants who wish to appeal an adverse action with respect to their grant application shall:~~

- ~~1) Make the request in writing to the Department within 60 days of notification of a denial of an award~~
- ~~2) Include the statute, rule or written application guideline that was not followed in the review of their grant application.~~

~~The Department shall:~~

- ~~3) Review requests for appeals to substantiate a violation of statute, rule or application guideline~~
- ~~4) Notify the applicant and the Council of their findings~~

~~The Council shall:~~

- ~~5) Review appeals where there is a substantiated violation of statute, rule or application guideline and make recommendations to the Department for corrective action.~~

Section 4 - Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Emergency ~~Grants~~ Funding

~~4.1 Emergency Grant Funds Application Requirements~~

4.1 Application for funds from the Emergency Account may be submitted to the Department at any time. Unless waived by the Department because of extreme emergency or need for immediate action, the application must be submitted ~~on forms provided~~ in the format approved by the Department and shall contain:

1)

A) Evidence of financial need or hardship;

2)

B) A detailed description of the emergency, to include causation, resolution, and the ~~impact~~ effect on local delivery of emergency medical and trauma services if funding is not provided; and

3)

C) The methods explored by the applicant to resolve the crisis other than funding from the Emergency Account.

~~4.2 Eligibility for Emergency Medical and Trauma Service Grant Funds within the Emergency Fund~~

4.2 In addition to meeting the standard grant eligibility requirements, the emergency fund applicant must be able to demonstrate ~~that~~:

A) That the request for funds is ~~a true~~ for an unexpected emergency ~~in which, if and~~

B) If the funds are not received, access to and/or quality of local emergency medical services will be seriously hindered or eliminated.

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